

Remarks

The Response to Amendment mailed April 1, 2004, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

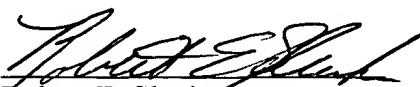
Claims 23-28, 30, 31, 34, 36-40, and 42-43 are now pending in this application. Claims 23-31, 34, 36-40, 42, and 43 stand rejected. Claims 1-22, 29, 32, 33, 35, and 41 have been cancelled.

Applicants note the objections to the drawings. Replacement sheets for Figures 4 and 5 are submitted herewith. No new matter has been added to the application. Formal drawings for the above referenced application were previously submitted. For the reasons set forth above, Applicants request that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to the disclosure. The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to address the issues noted in the Response to Amendment. For the reasons set forth above, Applicants request that the objection to the disclosure be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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